



MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson
Mr. Pat Craney
Mr. Michael Johannes, Secretary

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEETING AUGUST 11, 2017**

TIME: 9:00 A.M.

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

REVIEW MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2017

The minutes of the June 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

CASE # JDA/57360

An Army veteran with a wife and one young child are facing eviction. Veteran is rated as 50 percent service connected three years active duty under honorable conditions.

The veteran moved to Wisconsin from Alabama when he received a job offer from Quad Graphics. Quad Graphics indicated to the veteran that he would be working a 40-hour workweek. Veteran said it has been more like 20/30 hours a week. Quad Graphics paid the veteran's re-location expenses so he is committed to work at the company for two years. Due to this agreement, the veteran is unable to look elsewhere for full-time work. Currently the veteran's financial expenses exceed his income.

Veteran worked with the Center of Veterans Issues and they provided financial assistance for six months. Because they use the same federal funds as the Community Action Coalition, neither are able to provide assistance until 2018.

The veteran is working at finding a part-time job and his wife is seeking a full-time employment.

Veteran paid off the overpayment amount from his GI Bill loan and re-financed his car with USAA, which will provide the veteran with more money to pay bills. Mr. Johannes of the Veteran Service Office referred the veteran to La Casa for financial counseling. The committee members approved the monies to assist the veteran with his back rent of \$800.00.

Define "Veteran" for Assistance:

Committee members discussed having a specific definition of who is considered a veteran. The committee members agreed to use the VA definition.

Residency Requirement for Assistance:

Committee members agreed that the qualifiers for residency for a veteran would be twelve months residency in Wisconsin and living in Waukesha County for six months. The above definition and residency requirements are to make sure that the monies allocated to Waukesha County Veterans Service Office go to veterans living in Waukesha County.

SUMMER EVENTS FOR 2017

Mr. Johannes mentioned the Resource Fair on October 16 and 17, 2017. The fair will be held at the Waukesha County Expo Center Arena Building. Texas Roadhouse will be catering the event both days, free of charge. Mr. Johannes is finalizing the flyer for the event. The Kettle Moraine High School Band will be providing a concert. Mr. Johannes contacted St. Johns Northwestern Military Academy to provide cadets as ushers for the event. There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Carney. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Johannes, Secretary
MJ/tc